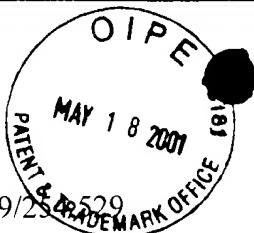


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2000, the date for reply having been extended three months to expire on May 15, 2001, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice. Please amend claim 15 as follows.

15. (TWICE AMENDED) A method for inserting a selected gene into a target cell, the method comprising: contacting the target cell *in vitro* with the retroviral vector according to claim 1.

Please add claims 19-22 as follows.

19. (NEW). The DNA construct according to claim 10, wherein the promoter comprises a strong promoter.